

India Street Neighborhood Study
Captain William Stubbs House
15 India Street
Nantucket
Nantucket County
Massachusetts

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Location: 15 India Street (on north side), Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Present Owner: Loring S. Hayden

Present Occupant: Loring S. Hayden

Present Use: Residence

Brief Statement of Significance: A typical Nantucket four-bay house with off-center door and chimney; part of the India Street Neighborhood Study (MASS-1013).

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners:

- 1810 -- Captain William Stubbs built about this time.
- 1819 -- Josiah Macy bought from Estate of William Stubbs for \$1700.
- 1828 -- Thaddeus Coffin bought from Josiah Macy for \$1510.
- 1840 -- Andrew Lawrence from Thaddeus Coffin.
- 1851 -- John Elkins from Andrew Lawrence.
- 1861 -- Richard Gardner from John Elkins.
- 1862 -- John Elkins from Richard Gardner.
- 1869 -- Andrew M. Myrick from John Elkins.
- 1869 -- Emeline Elkins from Andrew M. Myrick.
- 1919 -- Harriette A. Elkins inherited half the property from Emeline Elkins and bought the half that Richard G. Elkins inherited.
- 1932 -- Grace Elkins Hutaff inherited from Harriette A. Elkins.
- 1965 -- Amy Cross bought from Grace Elkins Hutaff.
- 1967 to date -- Loring S. Hayden bought from Amy Cross.
(Abstract: Records Registry Deeds, Nantucket, Mass.)

2. Date of erection: c. 1810

3. Architect: Not known.

4. Original plans, construction, etc.: This house with the high basement reflects the Quaker background of the builder. The basement extends several feet above and below the ground level with ample windows. The panelling is interesting and there are the wide floor boards, summer beams, and a fireplace with the original bricks.

5. Notes on alterations and additions: Little changed.

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure:

The house was bought by John Elkins in 1851 and for over a hundred years was occupied by his descendants. It is located in that area originally described as the Third Squadron of Wesko Acre Lots at a place commonly known by the name of Micah's Pond. India Street in the early 1800's was largely occupied by the wealthier families, many of whom derived much profit from the East India trade as well as from whaling. It was first called India Row; later renamed Pearl Street, and still later changed back to India Street.

Captain Stubbs was married in 1810 and built the house at that time. He was married twice but died at a very young age in 1818. He appears in the recorded deeds as "Captain", but his name does not appear under lists of whaling captains.

C. Sources of Information:

1. Old Views: 1953 View of House in Ninety Five Per Cent Perfect by Everett V. Crosby, Nantucket, Tetankimmo Press, 1953.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

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